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Submitted herewith are Forms PTO/SB/08A (3 sheets) listing  
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the Examiner in parent application Serial No. 10/385,811, and in  
grandparent application Serial No. 09/862,052 (now U.S. Patent  
No. 6,561,299), and in great-grandparent application Serial No.  
09/207,911 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,257,363), and which were made  
"of record" in said parent application, said grandparent  
application and said great-grandparent application.

Also submitted is a copy of USP 4,896,741, which is also  
listed in said Form PTO/SB/08A (sheet 2 of 3).

Copies of the other publications listed on the attached  
Forms PTO/SB/08A are not supplied herewith. As per 37 CFR  
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not required to be provided if the information was cited or submitted in a prior application. The present application properly identifies prior parent application Serial No. 10/385,811 (filed: March 11, 2003). said grandparent application Serial No. 09/862,052 (filed: May 21, 2001) and said great-grandparent application Serial No. 09/207,911 (filed: December 9, 1998) and relies upon said prior parent application, said grandparent application and said great-grandparent application for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the publications identified on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A submitted herewith and make them of record, as in the parent application.

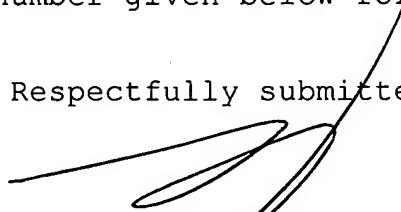
It is further requested that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A to confirm that the publications listed therein have been made of record.

The references are all relevant since they are "of record" in the parent application of which the present application is a Divisional.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the application as amended herewith.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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